



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



May 1997

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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MICHIGAN, East

Oakland County Oxford	05	1830EST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Saginaw County Hemlock	05	1920EST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
Saginaw County Hemlock	05	1930EST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
Saginaw County Merrill	05	1933EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Genesee County Grand Blanc	05	2050EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Washtenaw County Dexter	05	2232EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Wayne County Westland	05	2252EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Wayne County Livonia	05	2254EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Wayne County Dearborn	05	2305EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)

A cold front tracked across southeast Michigan late on the 5th, triggering scattered thunderstorms. A severe storm in Saginaw county near Hemlock produced golf ball-sized hail and strong winds that flipped a 10-foot snowmobile trailer, tore siding off of a garage, and flattened a 45-foot tree. Trees were also uprooted in Oxford, in Oakland county. Three-quarter inch hail was reported at Grand Blanc in Genesee county, and in Westland, Livonia and Dearborn in Wayne county.

Midland County Poseyville	08	2040EST			0	0	1K		Hail (1.00)
Saginaw County Freeland	08	2055EST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
Bay County 5 SE Bay City	08	2115EST			0	0			Hail (0.88)
Tuscola County 5 W Kingston	08	2225EST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
Tuscola County 2 S Caro	08	2230EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Tuscola County 2 S Caro	08	2235EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
Sanilac County Deckerville	08	2300EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)

A strong low pressure system tracking across lake Superior pushed a cold front across southeast Michigan late on the 8th. Scattered thunderstorms developed along the front, with the strongest storms affecting the Saginaw Valley. Hail with diameters of up to an inch was reported at several locations.